

HARFORD COUNTY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 20, 2018

8:00-10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Joan Betzold, Mikale Brutus, Katie Campbell, Joseph Collins, Jeanne Donlick, Karen Goodison, Bill Grzanowski, Stephen Smallidge, Robert Limpert, Kay Malone, Linda Siegel, Dave Thomey, Stacie Umbarger

Robert Limpert called the meeting to order at 8:10am.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Administrative Matters**

Minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Dave Thomey to accept the minutes and it was second by Joan Betzold.

- **CTE Reserve Grant Application (Update)**

We are writing six grants again this year. Four of them are for professional development, one of them is for Homeland Security support and one is for Project Lead the Way training. We are really trying to invest a lot of the reserve grant money into training of teachers.

One of the professional development grants is for the Oracle Academy and will allow us to pay four teachers to complete the online training this summer.

- **CTE Update – HDGHS/CS update**

We are now in negotiations with Oracle. To be an Oracle Academy as you can imagine they have a very long agreement. It is an annual agreement that you agree to as a school system. Mr. Limpert met with Mr. Moore from the Office of Technology and Information Systems, and Mr. Spicer the school systems lawyer and reviewed the agreement. We then contacted Oracle about some possible changes and we are waiting to hear back from them.

- **CTE CAC Applications and Terms**

We have a few people on our committee whose terms are expiring the end of June. They are Joan Betzold, Donald Coulter, Patrice Ricciardi, Linda Siegel, Dave Thomey and our student representative Ben Hamann.

We have three applications from people requesting to sit on our committee. Edward Davidson, Angela Rose, and John Oltarzewski. It looks like we can put one or two on these individuals on our committee depending how many current members are coming off.

We will take a vote at our next meeting.

- **CTE Dual enrollment options/HCC meeting**

Last week Dr. Brown and Mr. Limpert met with some of the new leadership at Harford Community College in regards to dual enrollment options. They are very much in favor of it. Mr. Mayhorne is finally officially retiring the end of March. Mr. Mayhorne has been our go to person for dual enrollment options. They have narrowed their search down for his replacement to two possible candidates.

We were just informed yesterday at a meeting that MSDE is going to require that every one of our courses of study have addendums rewritten over the next year and a half to clarify the courses and the articulation agreements for all thirty-three of our programs. This will allow us the opportunity to write in more of these dual enrollment options for our programs.

We are still working on finding at least one or two college courses for all of our programs. We feel that this is invaluable to our students. Because it gives them their first taste of college and the lack of cost going into the first year of college.

There are some programs that we are struggling to find courses to match up with at Harford Community College. Some of the Articulation programs as well as some of the programs at the college are certificate programs and not degree programs.

- **Company/Business Presentation**

No presentation this meeting.

- **Open Dialogue**

Susquehanna Workforce Network had their summer job fair last Saturday. They did not have a large turnout but if anyone knows anyone that is looking for summer jobs they can contact the Susquehanna Workforce Network for information.

Joan asked what the status was on the new Havre de Grace High school and the Superintendent position. Havre de Grace High is still on track to open in 2020 and the superintendent search is still in process.

Dave Thomey mentioned that the Blue Grass Grant went to Southampton Middle school to help them make an outdoor classroom. The kids did the presentation and it was really well done. In addition, he does tours of the Quarry for anyone that is interested. The tours take about 90 minutes.

Mr. Limpert mentioned that the first CTE Night was a huge success. We had about 500 people attend. Dr. Brown tweeted out about our first annual CTE Night.

On another note, we did get our CTE Perkins data and this is the first year in six that we have actually lost enrollment. We were down almost 400 plus students. The enrollment was down but in the courses tabulation we were actually up. We are down because of the continued staffing issues we are having in Harford County. Take Bel Air High as an example, we had enough staffing numbers at their preliminary run last year in March to field all four of their business education teachers add a fourth FACS teacher and a full CWE teacher. When they were done manipulating the schedule we lost a business teacher, never add the FACS teacher and lost half of a CWE teacher. Aberdeen High cut their CWE program. North Harford cut their CWE program.

There has been legislation passed that by the year 2025 forty-five percent of all student in the state of Maryland have to either have completed a CTE program, had an internship or an apprenticeship experience at graduation. Right now Harford County is at Forty two percent. This is going to be part of our evaluation actually this year we have to address it in our Perkins Plan. It is an area that we have to show continuous growth. Someone from another county asked at the meeting that if we do not make it what is the penalty and for the first time ever MSDE said there will be sanction against the school system.

- **Closing Comments/Adjourn**
Meeting was adjourned at 9: 14.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 3, 2018**, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Cobra's Cove, Harford Technical High School.

*Inclement weather policy: if schools are delayed or closed the meeting will be canceled.